

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 615
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Johnson City
Medical Center on receiving the Tennessee
Quality Award.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for this General Assembly to take time each year to
inventory its industrial success and to salute those institutions and individuals contributing to our
state's economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson City Medical Center is one such outstanding institution that is
most assuredly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1980s, there was increased recognition that the key to effective
international competition and domestic economic viability resided in the quality of goods and
services produced by American industry. The result was the development of the Malcolm
Baldrige Quality Award, which was signed into law in 1982; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1991, states began introducing quality award programs
comparable to the Malcolm Baldrige Award; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Quality Award program is the most successful state or local
program of this type and is one of the most prestigious industrial awards an organization can
receive; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Tennessee Quality Award program reflects the
organization's emphasis on promoting Tennessee's economic well-being by encouraging quality

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awareness and education, recognizing exemplary achievements and sharing successful strategies and best practices among all organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson City Medical Center is one such outstanding institution that has received recognition through the Tennessee Quality Award program, being one of only a select few businesses and institutions named to receive this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson City Medical Center is a not-for-profit regional health system affiliated with East Tennessee State University's James H. Quillen College of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary medical institution provides outpatient, wellness and inpatient services to citizens in a 28-county area covering Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia and Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to specially recognize the Johnson City Medical Center for its demonstration of exemplary progress through the careful evaluation of its system; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the Johnson City Medical Center upon receiving the Tennessee Quality Award and extend to everyone affiliated with the Center our best wishes for continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.